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AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIA

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: MILI, MASS, SO, PK

SUBJECT: ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SOMALIA

CITE C-NF-7-55026

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1. WE ANTICIPATE THAT PAKISTAN'S ROLE IN SUPPLYING ARMS TO

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SOMALIA WILL BE MINOR, BY COMPARISON WITH OTHER POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS TO WHOM THE SOMALIS HAVE TURNED FOR SUPPORT. IT WILL BE AIMED MAINLY AT EVIDENCING ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY AND WILL PROBABLY CONSIST OF SMALL ARMS OF NON-US ORIGIN. WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER THAT WHEN A GOP DECISION IS MADE, WE WILL FIND OUT ABOUT IT AND WILL HAVE SOME IDEA OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUPPLY. WE DO NOT RULE OUT, MOREOVER,

THS POSSIBILITY THAT AT LEAST A PART OF THE PAKISTANI  
ROLE VIS-A-VIS SOMALIA MAY BE TO FACILITATE OTHER  
SUPPLIERS, INCLUDING THE CHINESE, POSSIBLY THROUGH PIA  
CHARTER/STAGING.

2. BACKGROUND: WE HAVE GOOD EVIDENCE THAT THE SOMALIS  
HAVE REQUESTED SMALL ARMS FROM PAKISTAN; THE GOP HAS  
OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THIS TO US AND HAS LEFT US IN  
NO DOUBT THAT THE PAKISTANI RESPONSE WILL BE AFFIRMATIVE.  
WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT THIS DECISION HAS BEEN  
MADE OR WHAT PRECISELY THE MIX OF WEAPONRY WILL BE.  
WE ASSUME THAT WHATEVER PAKISTAN PROVIDES FROM ITS OWN  
STOCKS WILL BE IN THE NATURE OF A TOKEN SHIPMENT OF  
SMALL ARMS OF PAKISTANI OR BRITISH OR CHINESE ORIGIN;  
WE HAVE NO REASON TO QUESTION GOP RESPONSIVENESS TO OUR  
REMINDERS THAT US-ORIGIN WEAPONRY MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED.

3. WE ASSUME THAT SOMALI PRESIDENT BARRE'S VISIT TO  
ISLAMABAD ON 30-31 DECEMBER HAS MOVED THE GOP CLOSER TO  
A DECISION, AND WE ASSUME FURTHER THAT THE SUBJECT  
FIGURED IN GENERAL ZIA'S SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH  
THE SHAH.

4. FINALLY, THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT AT LEAST  
ONE PIA CHARTER FLIGHT HAS ALREADY CARRIED SUPPLIES TO  
MOGADISCIO, POSSIBLY VIA A MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRY. WE  
HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TRACK DOWN FURTHER WHETHER THESE  
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SUPPLIES ORIGINATED IN OR OUTSIDE OF PAKISTAN, BUT  
WE JUDGE THAT SUCH A PIA FLIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN THE KERNEL  
OF TRUTH AROUND WHICH THE SOVIET UNION WOVE ITS ALLE-  
GATIONS OF PAKISTANI AIR SHIPMENTS IN DEMONSTRATING ITS  
OWN PIQUE AT GOP REFUSAL TO PERMIT ANY FURTHER SOVIET  
OVERFLIGHTS TO ADEN AND THE HORN. HUMMEL

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